



Private Giving Foundation

Board of Directors



Doris Chan

Senior Portfolio Manager,
Private Investment Counsel
Secretary

As a Portfolio Manager, Doris provides investment management solutions and services to private clients, corporations, charities and trusts. She has 25 years of investment management experience, initially beginning her career on Wall St in New York, then moving back to Canada in the early '90s to join Canada Trust.

Her primary role is to provide investment counsel to her clients, specifically to develop and implement investment strategies tailored to meet their individual goals and needs. She creates personalized long-term financial strategies for clients, managing the optimal mix of services for portfolio growth, asset protection and tax efficiency. She is a CFA charter holder and a member of the CFA Institute and the Toronto CFA Society.

In her community service volunteer work, she is a member of the Board of Directors of the McMichael Gallery Canadian Art Foundation, a Mentor with TRIEC (Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council) and a past member of the Selection Committee for the YWCA Women of Distinction Awards. She is a volunteer with SickKids as a member of the Cabinet focusing on gift-planning and identifying best practices, people and methods to engage and fundraise within the Asian community.



Sam Hirsch

Sam Hirsch has spent many years as a multi franchise owner of Shoppers Drug Mart stores in Toronto and has also held senior executive positions within two prominent retail chains. He has served as president of the Metropolitan Toronto Pharmacy Association and as the executive director of the Shoppers Drug Mart/Pharmaprix Life Foundation. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Toronto. He has also received awards from the Ontario Pharmacists' Association and the University of Toronto for outstanding voluntary service.



Joanna Mazin

LL.B., M.A., B.A.(Hon.), Associate Vice President,
TD Wealth

Joanna has held several roles within TD Wealth. Currently a member of the Business Governance & Control Team, she leads a group responsible for providing oversight and strategic direction for pan-Wealth regulatory mandated change projects and leading special investigations into issues with regulatory and legal risk. Joanna previously led a team in Practice Management & Advisor Support, composed of legal and wealth planning specialists dedicated to supporting advisors across the bank. She has also held roles in Wealth Advisory Services (High Net Worth Support) and TD Private Trust for several years. Prior to joining TD, she practiced at Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP in its Estates, Wills, Trusts, Charities and Not-For-Profit Group. She has authored and contributed to several estates law publications with local and national reach, and has provided seminars on charitable giving hosted by the Canadian Association of Gift Planners. Prior to law school, she earned a Masters of Arts from Columbia University, and worked in fundraising and marketing capacities for a number of prominent arts organizations, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York City and the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa. She is currently a member of the Ontario Bar and a co-founder of the Junior Tax and Estate Practitioners' Group in Toronto.



Sheilagh Johnson

Chair

Sheilagh Johnson is the retired Executive Director of the Children's Aid Foundation, a national organization supporting and advocating for children and youth who are at-risk. Prior to her work in child welfare, she spent many years within the educational system as a senior administrator in universities both in Canada and in the US.

Sheilagh has been and continues to be an active volunteer devoting her time to work with children and youth, young single mothers and adults with intellectual disabilities. She also acts as a consultant to a variety of Not For Profit organizations.

A native of Montreal, she is a graduate of the Universite de Montreal and has done graduate work at McGill University and the University of British Columbia.





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Nicole Nakoneshny

Partner and Lead, Knowledge + Insights
KCI Philanthropy

An experienced development professional, Nicole brings more than two decades of experience in the non-profit sector to the KCI Team. Fluent in both English and French, her expertise includes strategy development, fundraising planning and organizational design and development.

In addition to working with clients to develop highly customized strategies and solutions Nicole serves as KCI's Lead, Knowledge + Insights. In this role, Nicole curates the knowledge that KCI generates through its various practices and also keeps an eye on the key and emerging trends in fundraising and philanthropy both in Canada and around the world, seeking to translate that knowledge and information into useful insights for charities and fundraisers. Nicole also serves as Editor of KCI's online publication, Philanthropic Trends and Host of KCI's monthly podcast, The Ask.

In her client work, Nicole partners with organizations from all areas within the non-profit sector and of all scope and size, from large institutions like universities and hospital foundations to small, grassroots charities. Her work with them tends to focus on strategy development, revenue generation planning, organizational capacity assessments and fundraising program analysis.

Originally hailing from Manitoba, Nicole holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Manitoba.



David J. Thomson

Chair Emeritus

David J. Thomson contributes considerable business acumen and leadership experience from his role as President of Great West Life Properties (1988-2004), where he managed a real estate and mortgage portfolio of \$1.2B. Prior to that role he developed a series of large projects in major North American centres as Executive Vice President for Oxford Development Group. He holds an MBA from the University of Western Ontario, and a BA from the University of Alberta. David developed extensive experience in political affairs based on his role as Special Assistant to Prime Minister Trudeau 1968-1972, and as Executive Assistant to Hon. JJ Greene Minister of Agriculture 1967-1968.

